

CENTRAL WOOD SUPERFUND SITE

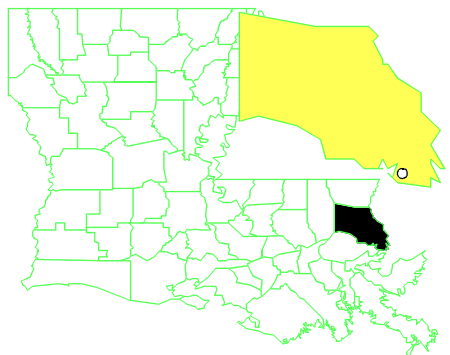
East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana

EPA Region 6

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State Congressional District: 6

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SITE DESCRIPTION

Location: The 17 acre site is located in an unincorporated area in East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana. The site is near the town of Slaughter, Louisiana. The site is divided by State Hwy 959.

Setting: The facility is an inactive and abandoned wood preserving facility that was in operation from the 1950s to 1991. The facility process included the use of creosote, copper oxide, chromic acid, and arsenic acid.

Population: There are 3 residential homes that are within 1/4 mile of the facility. (Previously, there were 9 residential homes surrounding the northwest portion of the site.)

WASTES AND VOLUMES

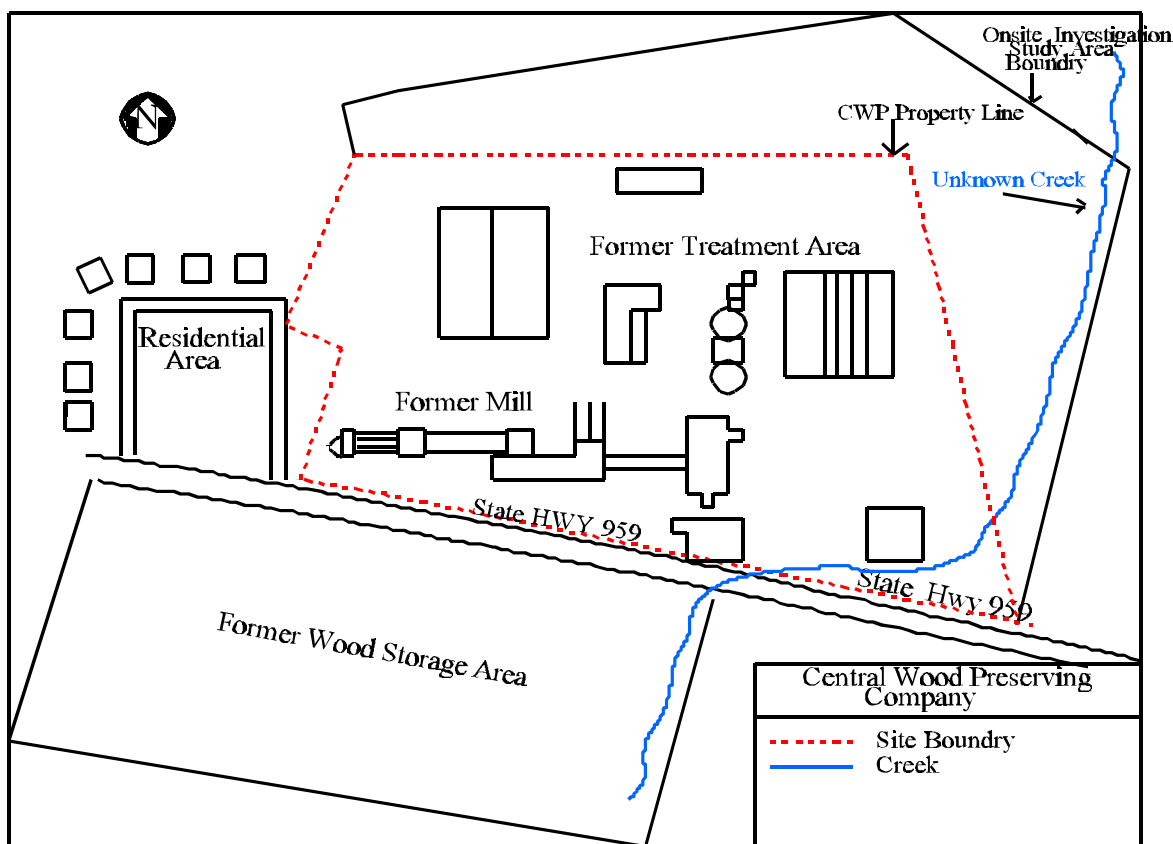
There are three source areas of possible concern:

- !** **Processing Area:** Soils may contain elevated concentrations of the following metals: arsenic, copper, and chromium.
- !** **Unnamed Creek:** Sediments may contain elevated levels of arsenic.

NATIONAL PRIORITIES LIST

NPL Inclusion Proposal Date:	January 19, 1999
NPL Inclusion Final Date:	May 10, 1999
NPL Deletion Proposal Date:	n/a
NPL Final Deletion Date:	n/a

SITE MAP



SITE HISTORY

- ! 1950's-1973: Site operated under the name of Central Creosote Company in which creosote was used as the wood preservative.
- ! 1973-1991: Facility was sold and the name was changed to Central Wood Preserving, Inc. The preserving agent was changed from creosote to Wolmanac (a solution of copper oxide, chromic acid, and arsenic acid; also known as CCA).
- ! January 1, 1991: Facility owned declared bankruptcy and ceased operations.
- ! March 1992: LDEQ conducted a site visit and confirmed that the wood preserving and processing portion of the site was inactive.
- ! 1992- 1995: EPA's response contractor conducted several assessments during this period. One assessment indicated elevated levels of arsenic and chromium in soil and sediment, and asbestos fibers in tank insulation samples.
- ! 1995: EPA performed a time critical removal action. During this phase, several site structures were removed, tank contents were disposed, and surface soil near the main facility operations area was removed from the site. A tank containing asbestos was bagged and left onsite.
- ! 1999: EPA proposed the site to the NPL on January 19, 1999, and the site was finalized

on the NPL on May 10, 1999.

- ! 1999: In January, EPA issued CH2MHill a work assignment to perform a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) on the site.
- ! 1999: During February through April, the EPA contractor collected groundwater, surface water, soil, sediment, and structural material sampling as part of the RI/FS.
- ! 2000: During January 26-28, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) conducted sampling in the Creek for the purpose of determining if there are impacts to the ecological community. The USFWS conducted toxicity testing on samples from the creek and collected sediment samples for metal analysis. The results of this additional data is expected to be submitted to EPA in early April.

ENFORCEMENT HISTORY

November 10, 1998: A PRP search was conducted and no viable PRPs were identified.

PRESENT STATUS AND ISSUES

The Site is currently under a Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study. A draft RI/FS report is expected by June 2000. The EPA expects to present a proposed plan to the community by July 2000.

HUMAN HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL RISK ASSESSMENT

There is a potential for elevated health/ecological risk levels associated with arsenic involved in wood preserving operations.

RECORD OF DECISION

The ROD will be issued after the Proposed Plan is reviewed and public comment is received.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Site Mailing List:	200 people on the mailing list
EPA Open Houses:	None to date
Site Status Fact Sheets:	01/19/99
EPA Formal Meetings:	None to date
Community Relations Plan:	Developed August 1999
Constituency Interest:	Limited public interest.
Site Repositories:	Audubon Library, P.O. Box 8389, Clinton, Louisiana 70722; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, LA 70810; and

The U.S. EPA Region 6, Library 12th floor,
1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

Availability Notice: May 1999
Letters of Intent Received: None
Final Application Received: n/a
Grant Award: n/a

SITE CONTACTS

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REALIZED CLEANUP BENEFITS

- ! The 1995 EPA removal action eliminated immediate risks from above ground tanks and associated hazardous contents and overall addressed the short-term risks of an acute nature.
- ! Remediation of the contaminated media will reduce the long-term health and ecological risks associated with the contaminants and protect the health of the residents living near the site.
- ! Cleanup will potentially restore the site for future use.